

(c) what is the status of this request indicating the time-frame within which the help asked for would be provided to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No specific proposal to this effect has been made by the Chief Minister, Orissa to the Government of India. However, the Government of India organizes assistance to train state police personnel on request. From Orissa 923 police personnel were deputed for various specialised courses in the Central and other State Governments' institutions in 2006-07 In 2007-08 also the State Government is planning to train 1418 police personnel in similar courses.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Criteria for setting up of EOUs

† *133. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed by Government for setting up of Export-Oriented Units;

(b) whether any efforts have been made to promote setting up of export-oriented units; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Proposals for setting up units under EOU scheme under automatic route are considered by the Unit Approval Committee taking into account the following criteria:

(i) Residence proof in respect of individual/partnership firms of all Directors/Partners. (Passport/ration card/driving licence/voter identity card or any other proof to the satisfaction of Development Commissioner);

(ii) Income Tax return of all the promoters for the last three years; (iii) Experience of the promoters; (iv) Marketing tie-ups;

(v) Inspection of the project site by an Officer;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- (vi) A report from other Development Commissioners as to whether any case under EOU/SEZ Scheme in regard to diversion of goods etc. is pending.

Wherever necessary, these are verified through personal interview with the promoters of the project. In the event of the promoters being a well-established entity, the procedure of personal interview can be dispensed with.

Further, as per the provisions of Para 6.6(d) of the Foreign Trade Policy, only projects having a minimum investment of Rs. 1 Crores in plant and machinery can be set up under Export Oriented Unit (EOU) scheme. This condition does not apply to proposals for Handicrafts, Agriculture, Floriculture, Aquaculture, Animal Husbandry, Information Technology, Services, Brass Hardware and Handmade jewellery sectors. The Board of Approval (BOA) can also allow establishment of EOU with a lower investment criteria on a case to case basis.

(b) and (c) Besides publicity by the Government in print and electronic media, a number of open houses, seminars, fairs/exhibitions have been conducted by the Development Commissioners, Chambers of Commerce, Trade associations, Export Promotion Council for EOU and SEZ (EPCES) from time to time to create awareness about the EOU scheme.

Assistance to handloom weavers

*134. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the handloom weavers of Pochampalli village near Hyderabad, known for their skills, are in distress today;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to help them; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA):
(a) No such reports have been received by the Government of India either from the weavers/handloom organisations of Pochampalli Village or from the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) The Government of India has been implementing the